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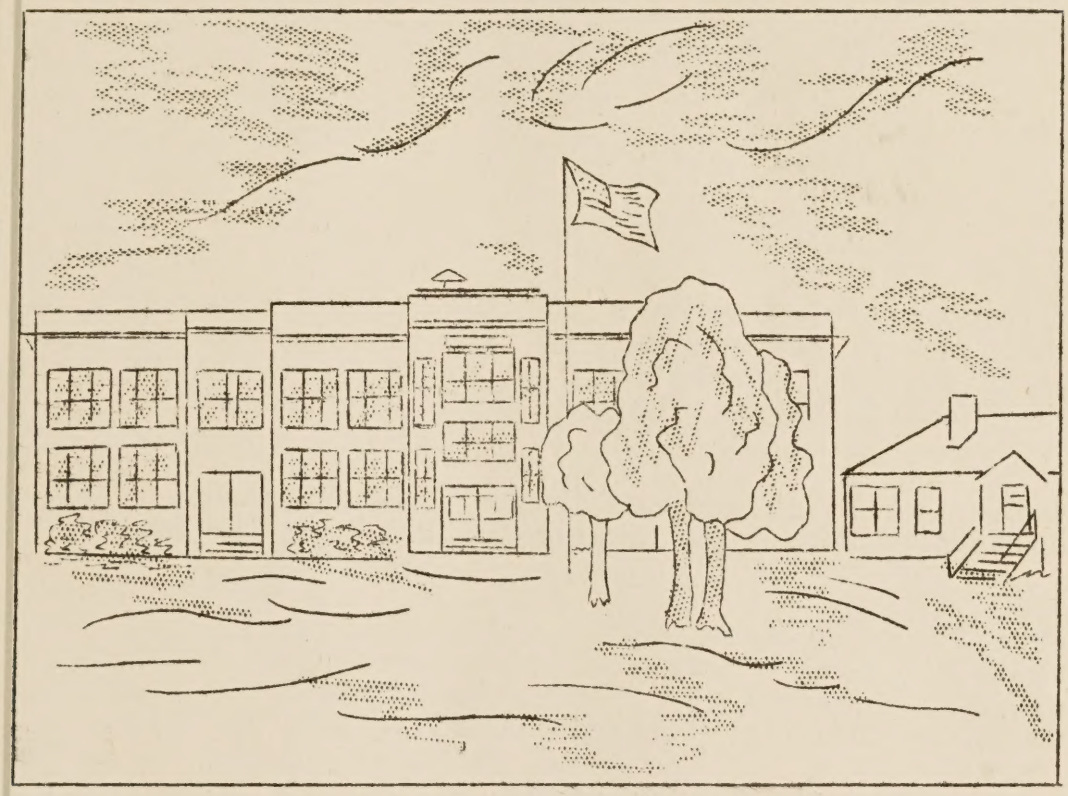

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FOREWORD

Somewhat regretfully, we have passed the foothills in life's path. As we stand before the heights , it is with mingled joy and sadness that we pause on our way to cast a longing, lingering look behind.

Therefore, in our annual we have tried to preserve the things which are closest to our hearts,dearest to our memories.

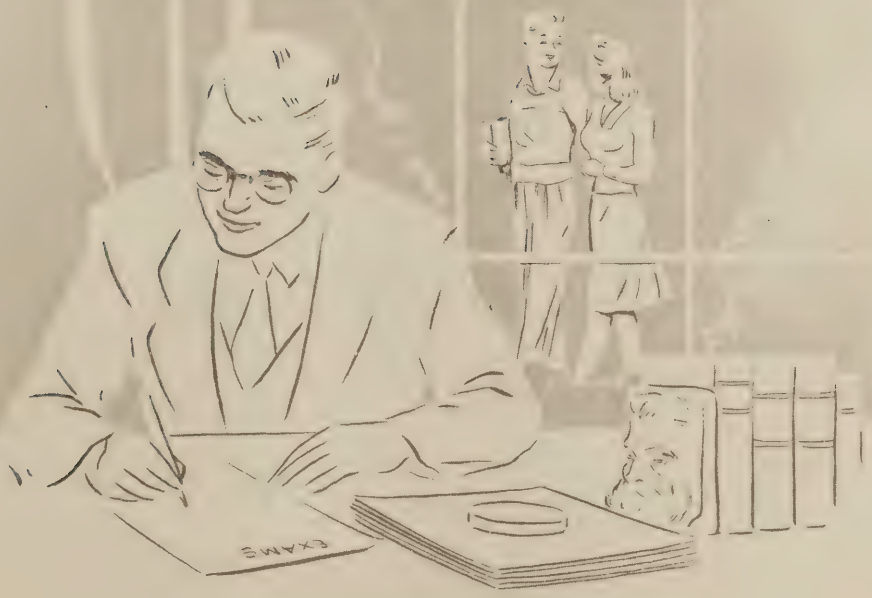
Our unforgetable school days, everlasting friendships, and incomparable adventures are pictured here with the sincere hope that the following pages will be a perpetual treasury of fond remembrance to each and every one.

DEDICATION

Best Wishes
Elizabeth Davies

With grateful appreciation for their cooperation and interest in all our school activities, we, the class of 1944, dedicate this volume of our yearbook to Miss Elizabeth Davies and Mr. Thomas W. Evans II.

T. W. Evans II



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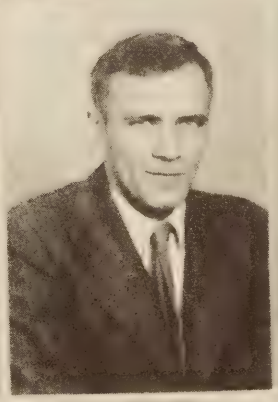

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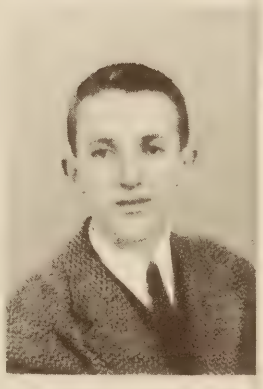

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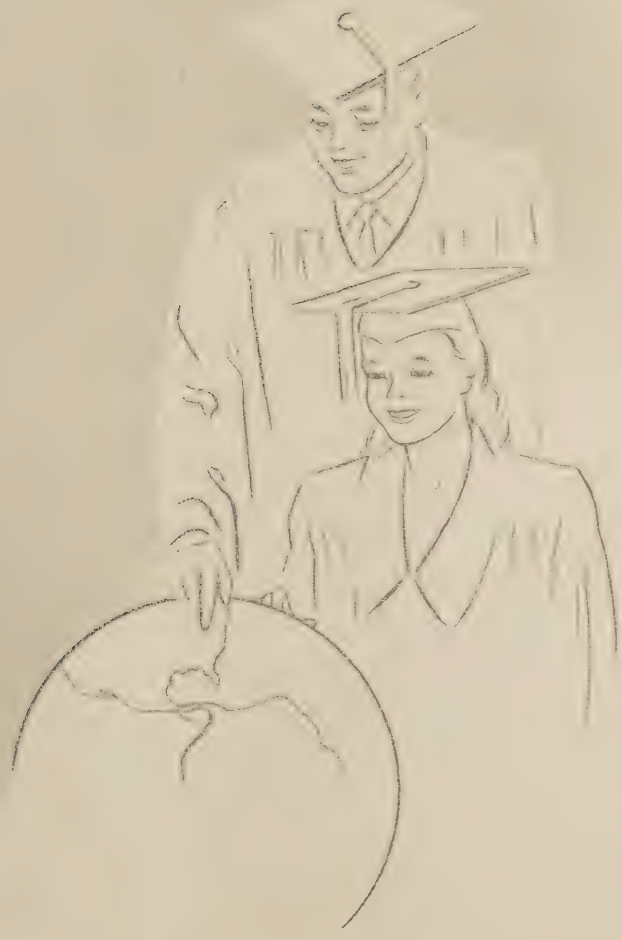


SENIORS

To freshen every memory
We must go back when Freshmen we,
To conquer knowledge were very eager
With Harold Mopsik first our leader.

Many obstacles we knew we must meet
We would have honor before defeat
We fought a battle against temptations
With very strong determinations.

The skies were darkened for us one day
We heard exams were on the way
Though we were inexperienced and dumb
We over knowledge a victory won.

For three months we laid our books aside
A vacation to take we did decide
Those three months went out like a light
And September again was just in sight.

Like a dark cloud blotting out the sun,
Vacation was over and work to be done.
Soon everything was going fine,
Our Captain now, Miss Bettie Cline.

Like a breeze the winter months passed
Spring had rolled around at last
We forgot to remember, in our play
Examinations were not far away.

In the exciting battle many fell, but
The class as a whole came out quite well.
Our victory over knowledge again was won
And a glorious vacation soon was done.

On September eighth, upon our return
To behave as Juniors we soon did learn
For Mrs. Giles took the pilot's seat,
Each requirement she expected us to meet.

We were highly honored too, that spring
Being presented with medals in form of rings.
The Junior Senior Prom we can't overlook
To entertain the Seniors such care we took.

The Junior play, Mama's Baby Boy
Filled us with both pride and joy.
Then our pleasures ended with a bound,
Examinations again had rolled around.

On our nerves there were such strains,
With loads of work for little brains.
When on the battlefield well prepared
We a war on knowledge declared.

The verdict came like the glowing sun
We a third victory had won.
With the battle over, the treaty signed
For three short months we then resigned.

Who should we find upon our return
But Miss Helen Phillips at the stern?
Now we found our class quite small
Our boys, by Uncle Sam, were called.

Being dignified Seniors at last,
Pigtails and dollies were things of the past.
With eagerness we resolved to begin,
To conquer knowledge once again.

In our studies we had so much fun
We hardly realized school had begun.
With a manpower shortage, girls took
control
Even active duty in the Safety Patrol.

In every way we were such a success
Class pins and cards we proudly possessed.
It was the Juniors turn to entertain us,
The dance in our honor we long discussed.

The faculty's enthusiastic cooperation,
Filled us with a great sensation
By the help of our classmates too
With every encouragement to see us through.

Then the war clouds rolled away
How we looked forward to that day!
We could glimpse our shining goal
Graduation was looming over the knoll.

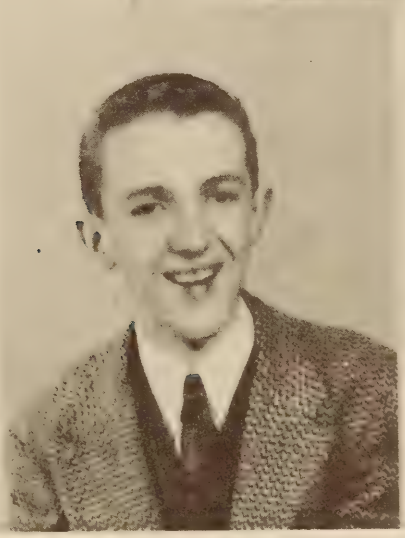
We were happy, yet quite sad,
For so much fun together we had.
A fourth time knowledge was conquered,
At last with diplomas we were honored.

Edward Bragg

Frances Johnson

Betty Lee Brown

Wendell English



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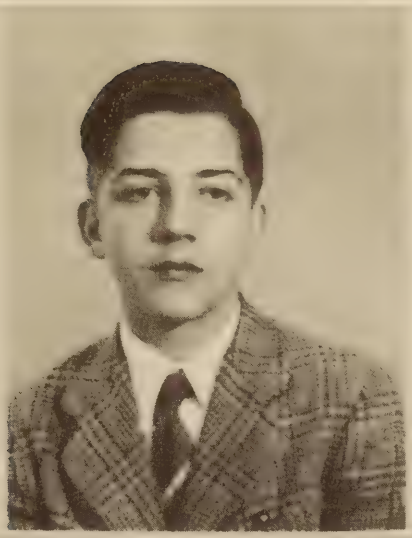

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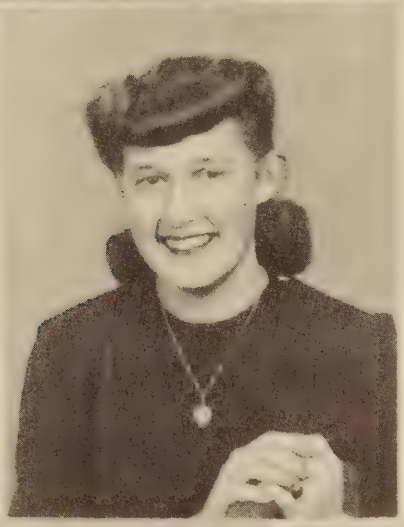

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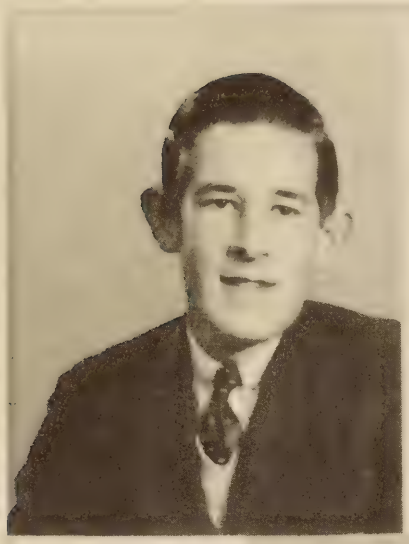

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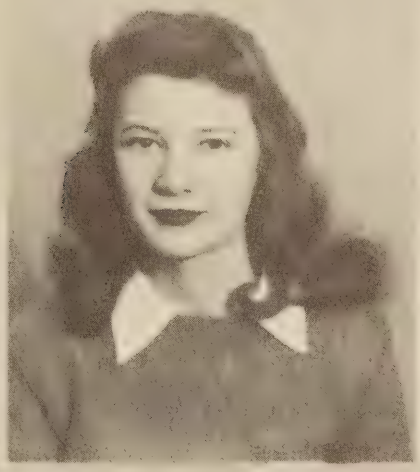

Sammy Stowers

Mary Nella Smith

Mildred Thompson

Lynda Yeatts

John Paul Anthony, Jr.

"Porky"

No man ruleth so fully but he that is willingly ruled.

Mitchell Faxon Bell

"Deacon"

Now gladly would he learn and teach.

Edward Carlton Bragg

"Monk"

Nowhere so busy a man as he there was, and yet he seemed busier than he was.

Wendell Blair English

"Brown"

Better late than never.

John Addison Mathews

"Matt"

A fool can naught be still.

Samuel Carson Stowers

"Ohmey

This world is but a thought full of woe.

Marion Doris Bennett

"Margie"

I believe that in the end the truth will conquer.

Betty Lee Brown

"Bubbles"

As round as an apple was her face.

Amy Nell Chappell

"Flirt"

Two heads are better than one.

Joyce Daphne Dodson

"Snoots"

A hard beginning maketh a good ending.

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Dorothy Violet Hill

"Dot"

She has a heart as sound as a bell.

Margaret E. Roberts

"Sneezy"

A mother's pride, a father's joy.

Eleanor Gray Newman

"Blondy"

Too much rest is rust.

Elsie Leona Mays

"Mayonnaise"

Every noble deed dieth is suppressed in silence.

Mildred Frances Thompson

"Millie"

How sweet the lilies grow.

Edness Lucy Meadows

"Dreamy"

My eyes take pictures when they are shut.

Margaret D. Swain

"Margaret"

The heaven of each is but what each desires.

Thelma Clarice Elder

"Shorty"

An angel writing in a book of gold.

Mary Nella Smith

"Bugs"

Hast thou a chart of charm to stay the morning star.

Betty Jane Roberts

"Sugar"

Sugar and spice and everything nice.

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Eoline Merchant Garvin

"Dimples"

My wit is thine.

Helen Davis Dowdy

"Davis"

When sun is set little stars will shine.

Gaynelle Goad

"Gaylax"

I hope I shall have leisure to make good.

Eleanor Ruth Gregory

"Yunna"

So many heads, so many wits.

Hazel Price Hackworth

"Hack"

A man would run through fire and water for such a kind heart.

Corda Lee Hobbs

"Corkey"

A rose is sweeter in the bud than in full bloom.

Nancy Lee Payne

"Tiny"

Many smalls make a great.

Arline Frances Murphey

"Murf"

I shall laugh myself to death.

Beatrice Christine Mason

"Teeny"

Second thoughts are ever wiser.

Nancy Montseller Bell

"Baby"

Hail to the chief who in true triumph advances.

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Annie Virginia Poe

"Ann"

A memory to leave in hearts we leave behind.

Frances Corine Johnson

"Muscles"

Better have beans and bacon in peace than cakes and ale in fear.

Ruth Naomi Arthur

"Hetty"

The siren waits the singsong for song.

Lynda Hunter Yeatts

"Honey"

Red as a rose is she.

Rachel Christine Lewis

"Cricket"

Books think for me.

Elizabeth Page Mathews

"Slim Jim"

Nothing is impossible to a winning heart.

Pansy Nadine Kelly

"Bangs"

Alls well that ends well.

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CLASS WILL...

We the class of 1944, of Altavista High School, County of Campbell, state of Virginia, being of a sound mind and memory, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any wills heretofore made by us.

TO WIT:

To the faculty, we leave classes which will always be on time, make only A's, speak only when spoken to, always have pencils, and never move around. In other words, boys and girls who are perfect little students in every way.

Members of the Senior Class leave to

Elbert Roby and Milton Robertson, Jack Mathews' collection of horns.

Virgil Walker and James Campbell, Edward Bragg's numerous freckles.
T.D.Gregory, Faxon Bell's good Math grades.
Jack Anthony, Wendell English' ability to get along with the girls.

Jimmy Smithers, Sammy Stowers' date book.
Harold Seay, Marion Bennette's pleasing disposition.
Shirley Trent, Helen Dowdy's curly blond hair.
Jean Moody, Nancy Payne's graceful walk.

C.D.Johnson, Eleanor Newman's and Hazel Hackworth's love for school.
Dorothy Glass, Margaret Swain's infectious giggle.
Thomas Andrews, Gaynell Goad's every-day school attendance.

Kitty Hamner, Eoline Garvin's mistakes in playing Chopin.
Della Cox, Christine Mason's cute figure.
Veola Barnard, Rachel Lewis' ability in sports.

Irene Hendricks, Leona Mays' and Edness Meadows' ability to learn Shorthand.
Lillian Patterson, Betty Jane Roberts' cute pig-tails.

Barbara Tuck, Joyce Dodson's dignity and quiet manner.
Virginia Overstreet, Mildred Thompson's naturally curly hair.
Hilda Gibson, Thelma Elder's pleasing ways.

Nellie Garibaldi, Ruth Arthur's and Nancy Bell's love of good books.
Wyline Saunders, Billy Holley and Mansfield Snyder, J.P.Anthony's record breaking speed of speaking at ten words per minute.

Adele Tribble, Betty Lee Brown's and Eleanor Gregory's witty remarks.
Marjorie Newman, Dorothy Hill's and Frances Johnson's basketball pass.
Sylvia Blessard, Corda Hobbs' cake recipes.

Dorothy Qualls, Annie Poe's and Arline Murphy's humorous jokes.
Marguerite Sizemore, Lynda Yeatts' typewriter--so she can work overtime too.
Kathleen Hall, Mary Nella Smith's and Margaret Roberts' love for English correction; did we say love for English?

Dorothy Driskill, Betty Mathews', Pansy Kelly's and Amy Nell Chappell's love for school--as those days are gone forever.

End

New York, N. Y.
August 2, 1949

Lt. Frances (Muscles) Johnson
Wrestling on the Floor, England
C. O. D. # 763,234
c/o Postmaster, New York

Dear Frances:

It was really a surprise to hear that you had given up your pleasures in America to stay and nurse in war-torn Europe. It seems strange to have a friend so close and yet so far away as to see the Clock of London every day.

Perhaps you sometimes wonder what your classmates of Altavista High School are doing and what they are planning to do. Well, Eleanor and I entered Madison College the fall after graduating from A.H. S., settled down for four long years and finally received our D.O.P.E. degrees. At the present, we are vacationing in New York.

As we were casually taking a stroll down Broadway yesterday, lo and behold, we came upon a quaint little sign which read, "Oraculum of Yohamma, the famous seer." Walking into a dark little room, we saw J. P. Anthony, dressed strangely in a red satin robe and white turban wrapped around his bald head, gazing into a crystal ball. He really seemed glad to see us, and after having a brief chat with him--he talked for five hours--we found he could foretell the future. Eagerly we asked about the future for ourselves and our classmates of 1944. Willing to tell us all, Professor Yohamma went into a trance and revealed these things to us about the year 1954.

Ruth Arthur has her own Beauty Salon in Lynch's, and specializes in wigs and toupees. She has become world famous with her termite-proof wig for people with wooden heads. The class of '44 is her best customer.

Marion Bennett is now managing her own little home and also has just had her first book published, THE ADVENTURES OF SUPER MOUSE.

Edward Bragg is now a successful engineer and has completed a bridge over Lynch's Creek. It took him six years and $5,000,000,000,000 to build this 12' span.

Nancy Bell is singing for the National Barn Dance Orchestra and can be heard every Wednesday night over station XYZ. Her program is sponsored by Dr. Johnson's Snake Oil.

Amy Nell Chappell has been honored by having bee n the first lady to fly a rocket ship across the Pacific. Incidentally, she has just married again for the 17th time--she solemnly vows: This time it was for love.

Since Mr. Cox' spelling drove Marjorie crazy, Helen Dowdy has taken her place as secretary to the principal of A.H.S. Poor Helen, she wears a straight - jacket at times now.

Thelma Elder is now operating a very prosperous photo shop in Motley. Jack Glamour Boy Mathews is her most regular customer.

Eoline Garvin has given up her career as pianist of Stokowski's Concert Orchestra to play boogie-woogie with Tommy Dorsey's Band. Says Miss Garvin, quote "I'm in the groove, Jackson," unquote.

Dorothy Hill, after finishing Lynchburg College, is now teaching History at Prospect University, and it is feared that she has fallen in love with one of her handsome pupils. Yohamma reports that he learned crystal gazing at dear old "P U."

Hazel Hackworth is the world champion typist of '54. Hazel recently had a tragic accident. She was typing so fact that her fingers became tangled in the keys and it took a mechanic six days to untangle them.

Mary Nella Smith has placed herself in the heart of every American as a successful comic opera star. She also plans to establish her own little home in Chatham where she will raise petunias, pumpkins,as well as pigs.

Sammy Stowers has been elected an honorary Kentucky colonel and is now governor of Kentucky. Looking over his glasses and putting his mint julep aside Col. Stowers said, quote "Gulp" unquote.

Betty Jane Roberts was for two years secretary to Faxon Bell who is head of the FBI. However, Betty gave that up and is now teaching ballet dancing at Yellow Branch Female Academy. Since there was no job in the FBI for Pansy Kelly, Betty Jane left her position there last year.

Leona Mays is now managing a dress shop of her own in Lynchburg.

Edness Meadows is leader of the country's best all girl orchestra. Her program follows "Margaret Swain's Hog Calling Program for Happy Hog Callers" on Saturday night over the Green Network.

Lynda Yeatts has taken Miss Davies place at AHS . She spends her summers as Girl's Counselor at a camp in Flatbush. Lynda, who took ten years to get into Mary Washington, can be heard distinctly in Clanton's Drug Store as she yells to her typ - ing students to "quote be quiet unquote."

Gaynell Goad, after a successful business career, has now settled down--period.

Corda Hobbs is now superintendent of Nurses at the new hospital which has been erected in our home town, Altavista. "Doc" Hobbs is also an expert veternarian, looking after all the cows, horses, and dogs in the neighborhood.

Pansy Kelly, who still has a lovely complexion, now sings a beautiful little ditty for the Sweetheart Soap Program.

Fortune and good luck are still with Betty Mathews. She has been called to Paris as a style expert and artist.

A great event is taking place at Madison College--a new president is being inaugurated and who could it be but Professor Wendell English. It took Professor English seven years to get out of A.H.S. He got into Madison in seven months. Eleanor Newman and Christine Mason are on the teaching staff of the college.

Arline Murphy writes the Lonely Hearts Column of the Sycamore News Leader. She begins each of her columns with an affectionate "How--dy folks". Bugs Bunny is said to write her more than anyone else.

Annie Poe is secretary to the mayor of Brookneal. Although she doesn't have to be at work until noon, she is rarely on time. It is rumored that Annie missed her chance to get married recently when she was a week late getting to the church.

Margaret Roberts is giving music lessons to students at the Julliard School of Music in New York.

Margaret Swain has used the marriage license willed to her in 1943, but she can still be heard on the radio imitating different laughs. You can tune the program off every Saturday night at 7:30 over the Yellow Branch Network.

Rachel Lewis has brought Edgar Allan Poe's works back to life.

Mildred Thompson, affectionately known as "Old Doc" is now the world's outstanding chemist. She has perfected a serum with which to fight sleeping sickness. Her first patient was Sammy Stowers.

Joyce Dodson attended business school in Richmond, and is now secretary to the secretary to the President of the Altavista Glue Factory. Concerning her job, Miss Dodson says, "I'm stuck with it."

Jack Mathews, after a reckless life in the Army Air Corps for three years, has been making pictures with Oliver Hardy since Stan Laurel's death. As a side line, "Stan" Mathews is designing auto horns. His 19 cylinder car has 75 different horns on it.

Nancy Payne now has a job at AHS typing term papers. Miss Payne's remarks concerning this job have been censored.

We won't keep you in suspense any longer, so we will tell you your future as Professor Yohamma predicted:
Frances "Muscles" Johnson is no longer a Johnson. While in Europe as a Lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, she was married. Now she is back in the U. S., and though still a nurse she gives commando training in her spare time.

We almost forgot ourselves--we hope you want to know about our future, Eleanor Gregory is now the world's champion basketball player who spends her summers making pictures for Ipana Tooth Paste Ads.

Betty Brown has taken Betty Bly's place in advising the lovelorn. Since she still goes to Danville so often, she recently purchased the National Trailway's Bus Company so she can travel in comfort.

Don't count on these futures too much--because you know Professor Yohamma! Here's hoping we'll be seeing you soon back in the United States.

Adios Amigos--

Betty Lee
Eleanor

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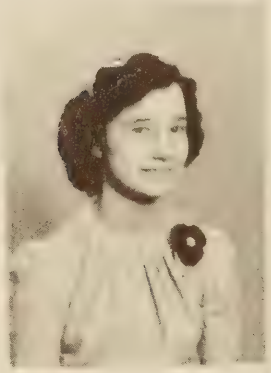
Dolly Cox

James Campbell

Sylvia Pleasant



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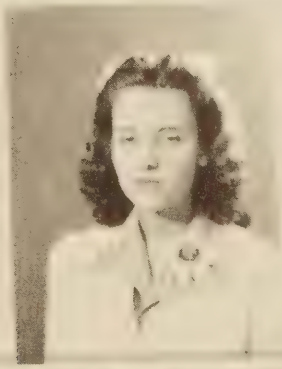

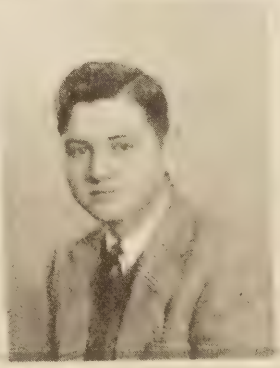

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Dorothy Ponzie
Mansfield Reyher
Phillip Shaler
Florence Overmeyer
Jimmy Sullivan
Marguerite Stamper
Irene Sandrock
Milton Schoeffler
Milton Schooley
Joella Stitzel
Infinite Count
Paul Sauer
Lillian Tallman
Mary Shaw
Marjorie Tate

THE JUNIOR CLASS

In September, 1941, a group of about 90 excited and nervous students entered their first year of high school. The first year was spent under the leadership of President Jimmy Smither.

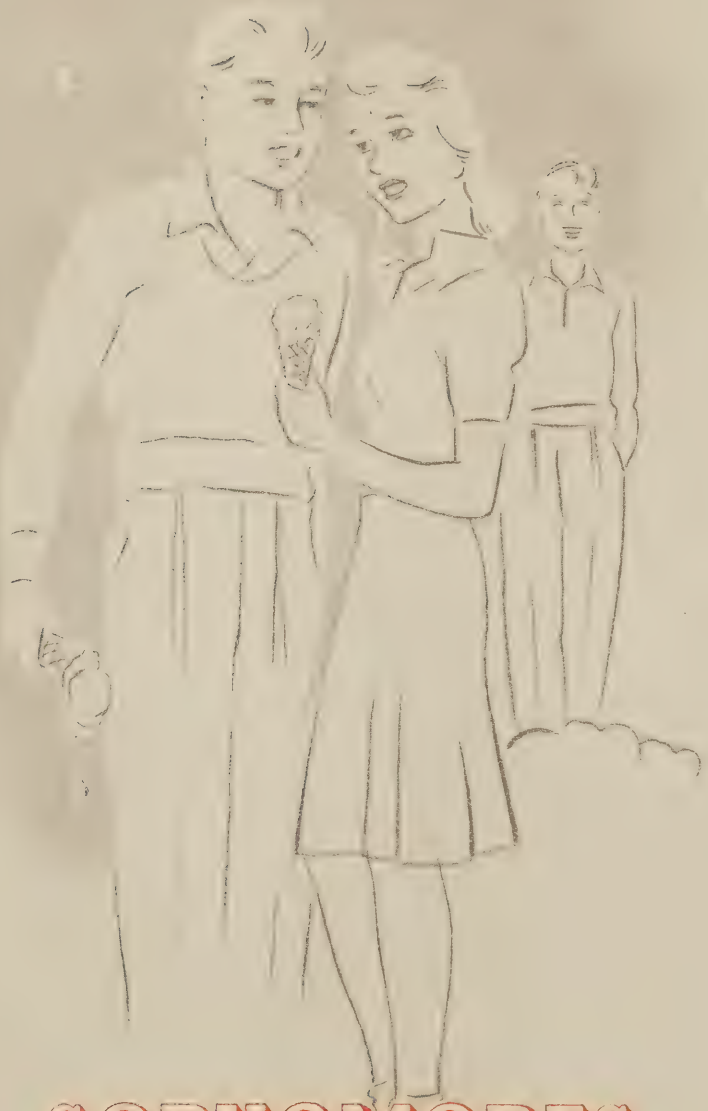
In the fall of 1942, we proudly entered our second year of high school under the name of Sophomores. Again our president was Jimmy Smither. This year our class was smaller, as many students had moved away or gone to work in town.

The Junior Class of 1943 elected Roland English as their president. The class was even smaller, for a number of them had joined the armed forces.

The first excitement of the year was the ordering of rings. Then, after our Christmas holidays, there was the Junior Senior Prom to think about. All the committees were appointed and the date for the Prom was selected. The only thing to do now was to wait. Then came April and the class rings arrived--o, how the faces of Juniors beamed. On May 5, the Junior Senior dance was given--and it was a huge success. This dance was the first of its kind ever held in the high school gym.

Members of the class have participated in a large part of the high school activities during the past year. Quite a number of our Juniors took part in high school sports. Billy Holley was elected captain of the football team and Jimmy Smithers was captain of both the boys basketball and baseball.

Now, Juniors are looking forward to next year when we will be Seniors--we intend to make it the happiest and most successful of our four years in high school.



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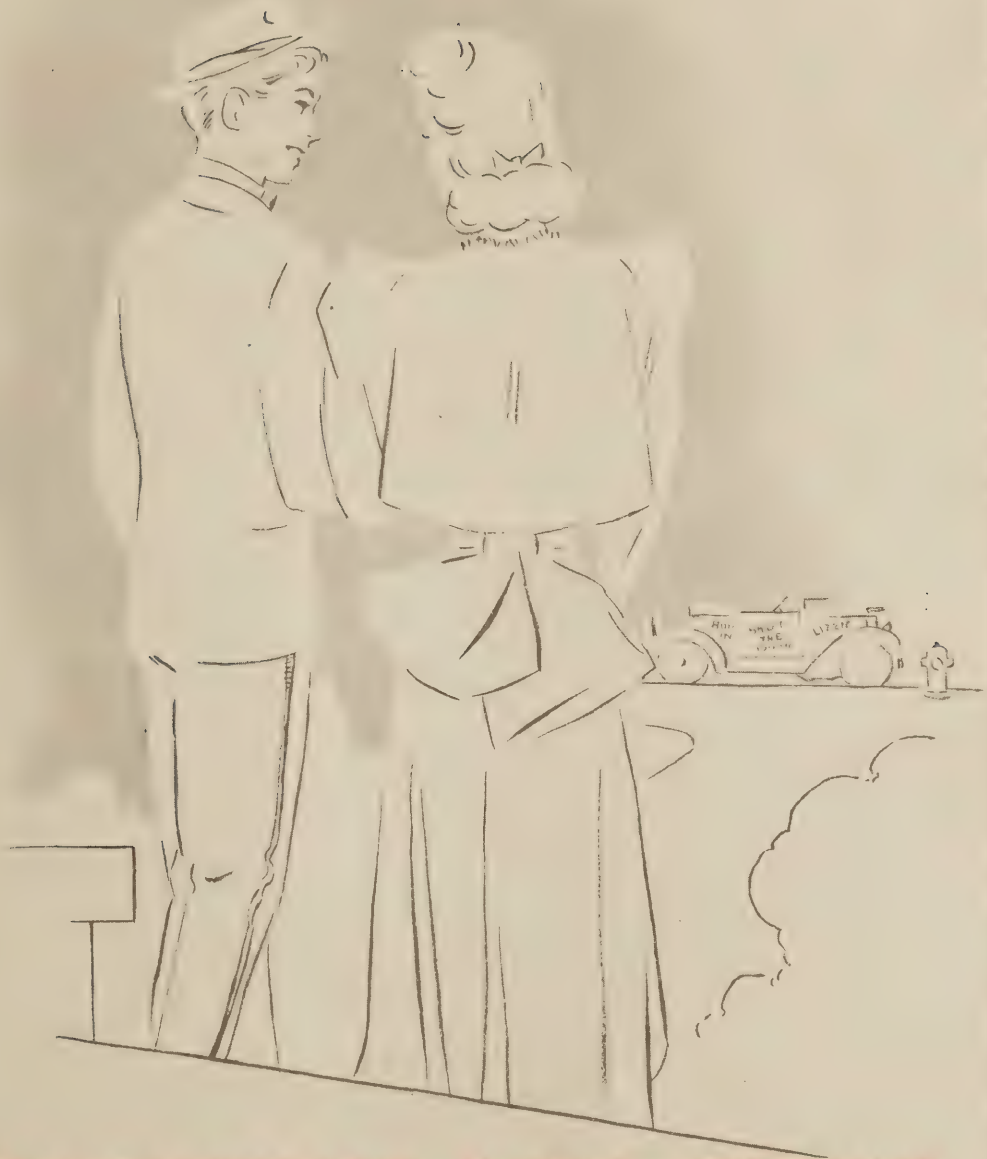
FRESHMAN CLASS

. . . .Virginia Cundiff



SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

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On September 10, 1943, THE COLONEL was awarded the first place in the Class C Magazine Contest held at the University of Virginia.

THE SCIENCE CLUB

President . . . . . .Betty Lee Brown
Vice President . . . . . Jackie Allen
Secretary-Treasurer . . . . . .Betty Mathews
Reporter . . . . . Mildred Thompson
Members: Frances Johnson, Eoline Garvin, Eleanor Gregory, Dorothy Hill, Jean Moody, Jackie Allen, Fleda Peerman, Kitty Pearson, Joe Stone Billy Holley, Thomas Ancrews

Members of the Club spent the winter working with various projects. Among these were: growing cultures of bacteria, developing and printing of pictures, making nature studies, identification of planes, etc. Programs of a scientific nature were given and the club enjoyed two parties and a picnic.

THE COLONEL STAFF

SCIENCE CLUB

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

President . . . . . .J. P. Anthony
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Secretary. . . . . .Hilda Moore
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Sophomore Representatives . .Sylvia Walker, Alma Lee Irby, Ruth Walthall
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THE SAFETY PATROL

Captain Edward Bragg
Lieutenants Wendell English, Helen Walthall
Members: Burnell Clay, Carroll Frazier, Randolph Thompson, Rachel Lewis, Pansy Kelly, Betty Lee Brown, Eleanor Gregory, Ted Hogan, Bobby Price Jack Anthony

THE GLEE CLUB

President Faye Tuck
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Members: Ramona Forloines, Inez Robertson, Georgie Eubank, Phyliss Taylor, Mary Joyce Gibson, Edith Mayberry, Barbara Barnard, Jackie Hucks, Betty Fortson, Lou Carter Wood, Nancy Nelson, Shirley Mayhew, Reva Hendricks, Virginia Cundiff.

The Glee Club has been under the direction of Miss Kathleen Frazier. On May 19, they presented a Stephen Foster Operetta in the high school auditorium. Members of the Club also sang in commencement and at chapel programs during the year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

SAFETY PATROL

HOME ECONOMICS

MUSIC CLASS

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

ACTIVITIES

CALENDAR

September

8 . . .Registration
9 . . .Schedules made "Wotta mess" !
10 . . .Meeting new teachers!
17 . . .First school paper published. THE COLONEL wins State contest.
20 . . .Organized football team.

October

19 . . .Report cards--You'd be surprised!
21 . . .Pep Rally. Ray Rah, Altavista
22 . . .Defeated by Appomattox
28 . . .Beaten again--this time by Holy Cross.

November

8 . . .Hargrave! Our first touch down and deserted by our cheer leaders.
24 . . .Out for Thanksgiving and more turkey--yum, yum!

December

1 . . .Report cards again. WE were surprised.
18 . . .Awarding of letters
20 . . .Exams--theme song, Worried Minds.
22 . . .Surprise for coach T.W.Evans
23 . . .Christmas Holidays begin. Whoopee!!!!!!

January

3 . . .Organized basketball teams
11 . . .Basketball--girls and boys defeat Brook - neal
14 . . .Victoria loses to us.
21 . . .Defeated by Gretna
22 . . .Tests again. Whatta life?
31 . . .Formal birthday dance. Wonderful time!

February

1 . . .Gretna, both lose
7 . . .Decided to publish annual. Woe is me.
9 . . .Brookneal. We won for a change.
18 . . .Renan--boys won and Renan girls won by points.

March

1 . . .Received class pins

April

1 . . .April Fool--a swell edition of THE COLONEL
7 . . .Easter Holiday, what fun!

May

3 . . .Senior Day--Dr. Clanton treats us to a movie. Picnic afterward
5 . . .Junior Senior Prom. Danced feet off.

Calendar, Continued

May
12 . . .Senior Play, DON'T TAKE MY PENNY, a great success
28 . . .Baccalaureate Address
26 . . .Class Night
30 . . .Commencement. Diplomas. "Survival of the fittest."

DON'T TAKE MY PENNY

The annual Senior play, DON'T TAKE MY PENNY, was presented on Friday night, May 12.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Sally, a maid with a purpose . .Betty Lee Brown
Norman Porter,publicity man . .Sammy Stowers
Penny . . . . . Eoline Garvin
Caleb,her father . . . . Edward Bragg
Mark, her brother. . .Wendell English
Mavis, her sister. . . . Dorothy Hill
Lydia, her mother. . . . Lynda Yeatts
Joanna, a girl friend.Eleanor Gregory
Kerry, a boyfriend . . . Jack Mathews
Greg, his pal with ideas J.P.Anthon y
Gram . . . . . .Frances Johnson
Madame Henri,french designer. . Betty Jane Roberts
Claire . . . . . Mary Nella Smith
Elsie :Pretty models . . .Pansy Kelly
Lucile . . . . . .Betty Mathews
Red, delivery girl . . Marion Bennett
Harrison Day,author. . . . Faxon Bell

Place: The living room of the Pringle home in a small city.
Time: The present. A Saturday in June

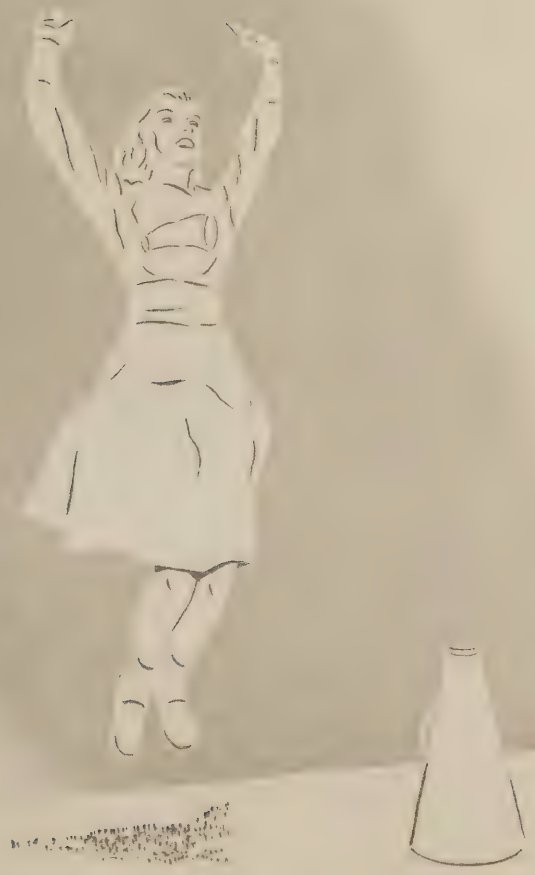
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Senior Play

Class Night: Welcome . . . . . Edward Bragg
Class History . . . . . Rachel Lewis
Class Will . . . . Mildred Thompson
Class Prophecy. . . .Betty Lee Brown
Giftorian . . . . . .Arline Murphy

Baccalaureate Service. . . .Rev. D. Mac Brown
Speaker: Dr. C. R. Brown

Commencement:
Presiding . . . . . .J. P. Anthony
Salutatory Address. .Eleanor Gregory
Talks. . . . . Margaret Roberts
Thelma Elder
Valedictory Address . .Eoline Garvin
Presentation of Diplomas. . .Mr. Cox



ATHLETICS

The Physical Education Program has been carried on in Altavista High School for two years. It is under the direction of Miss Kathrine Warner.

The purpose of this program has been to keep pupils physically fit and in good health.

There has been much improvement over last year in the way students handle themselves in various games. Not only have the boys and girls acquired physical stamina, but they have improved in sportsmanship,in cooperation, and in team work.

The following games have been played during the year by either boys or girls teams: Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Kickball, Softball, Hockey, Archery Dodgeball. An obstacle course was built at the beginning of the session and both boys and girls have been trained to run it in the shortest possible time.

The above games were selected to give the students the greatest chances to develop and use all parts of the body.

Games were played outside the year-round except on rainy or snowy days. During bad weather, calis - thentics were given in the gym, or basketball games were played between teams.

Physical Education team captains were as follows:
Girls teams: Barbara Tuck, Shirley Stone, Sylvia Walker, Lynda Yeatts, Kathleen Smith, Frances Johnson, Jean Moody, Rachel Lewis, Faye Tuck and Adele Tribble.
Boys teams: John Wilson, Virgil Walker, Pete Shelton, Billy Holley, Jimmy Smithers and Ed Bragg.

COACHES

T. W. Evans II Kathrine Warner

CAPTAINS

Billy Holley Frances Johnson Jimmy Smither

MANAGERS

Lynda Yeatts Thomas Andrews

FOOTBALL SQUAD

Captain . . . . . Billy Holley
Manager . . . . . Thomas Andrews

First Team:
Billy Holley, Guard
Pete Shelton, Back
Lincoln Shelton, Back
Glenn Roberts, Guard
Jimmy Smither, Center
Bernell Clay, Tackle
Virgil Walker, End
Harold Bennett, Back
Donald Grimes, End
T.D.Gregory, Tackle
Edward Bragg, Back

Coach: T. W. Evans II

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Substitutes:
Jack Mathews, Tackle
Wendell English, Back
Harold Owen, End
Stover Dalton,End
G.G.Crawford, Back
C.S.Frazier, Back
Carroll Frazier, Back
Robert Smith, Guard
Jim Hall, Tackle
Elbert Roby, Center
William Jenks, Guard
Randolph Thompson,Guard
Billy Walters, Tackle
Bobby Price, Back
Junior Keesee, Back

The boys played three games during the football season. These were with Appomattox, Holy Cross, and Hargrave.

The following members of the team were awarded letters at the close of the season:

Virgil Walker, Harold Owen, Stover Dalton, T. D. Gregory, Jack Mathews, Bernell Clay, Glenn Roberts, Elbert Roby, G. G. Crawford, Wendell English, Ed. Bragg, Lincoln Shelton, Pete Shelton, Thomas Andrews Billy Holley and Jimmy Smither.

FOOTBALL

First Row: Mathews, Bragg, P. Shelton, L. Shelton, Crawford
Second Row: Clay, Roberts, Smither, Holley, Gregory, Walker
Standing: Andrews, Mr. Evans

GIRLS' BASKETBALL SQUAD

Captain . . . . . .Frances Johnson
Manager . . . . . Lynda Yeatts

First Team:	Substitutes
Betty Mathews, Forward	Dorothy Hill, Guard
Frances Johnson, Guard	Adele Tribble, Guard
Eleanor Gregory, Guard	Nancy Nelson, Guard
Doris Swain, Guard	Jean Moody, Forward
Marjorie Newman, Forward	Sylvia Walker, Forward
Dorothy Qualls, Forward	Helen Walthall, Forward
Arline Murphy, Guard	Kathleen Smith, Forward
Coach: Kathrine Warner	Shirley Pickrel, Forward

Altavista	Opponent	Score
32	Brookneal	12
22	Victoria	14
20	Rennan	45
15	Gretna	18
10	Chatham	22
29	Holy Cross	2
9	Gretna	28
28	Victoria	24
27	Brookneal	11
22	Rennan	27
23	Concord	19
33	Concord	16
12	Thomas Jefferson	44

One of the most interesting events of the girls' basketball season was their trip to Richmond to play Thomas Jefferson's basketball team. Frances Johnson, Betty Mathews, Marjorie Newman, Dorothy Qualls, Arline Murphy, Eleanor Gregory, Sylvia Walker, Doris Swain and Miss Warner made the trip.

While in Richmond, the girls saw the Capitol, the Governor's Mansion, Federal Reserve Bank, Seminary, William and Mary Extension and the Mosque. They were all entertained at Miss Warner's home for lunch.

BOYS' BASKETBALL SQUAD

Captain . . . . . Jimmy Smither
Manager . . . . . Thomas Andrews

First Team:
Billy Holley, Guard
Jimmy Smithers, Forward
Jack Mathews, Forward
Bernell Clay, Center
Virgil Walker, Forward

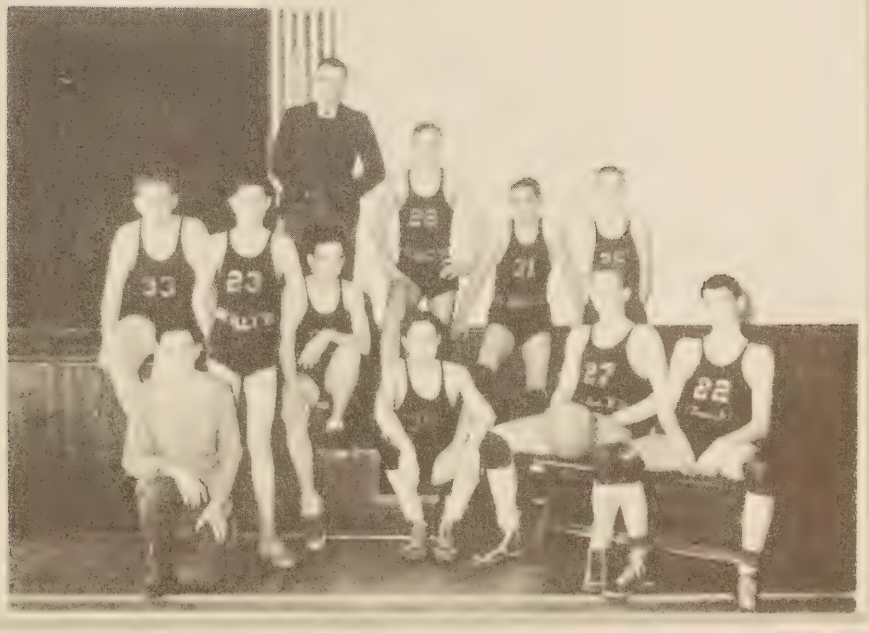
Substitutes:
G. G. Crawford, Forward
Jack Anthony, Forward

Substitutes:
Sammy Stowers, Forward
Pete Shelton, Guard
Edward Bragg, Guard
Glenn Roberts, Center
Harold Owen, Guard
Wendell English, Guard
Stover Salton, Guard
William Jenks, Guard
Coach: T. W. Evans, II

Altavista	Opponent	Score
21	Brookneal	14
23	Victoria	12
20	Rennan	21
16	Gretna	31
17	Chatham	39
18	Holy Cross	34
15	Gretna	39
17	Victoria	25
30	Brookneal	29
37	Rennan	27
31	Concord	12
30	Concord	15

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BOYS' BASKETBALL



BASEBALL TEAM

Bernell Clay . . . . . Manager
Jimmy Smither . . . . . Captain
Wesley Arthur . . . . . Bat Boy

Jimmy Smither	Bobby Walker
Stover Dalton	Jack Anthony
Glenn Roberts	Jesse Arthur
Bernell Clay	G.G.Crawford
Carroll Frazier	John Wilson
Jack Mathews	Douglas Tinnin
Lynwood Hicks	Bobby Finch
Ores Vaughan	Maynard Vaughan
Bobby Pennington	Wendell English

Rudy Burgess

Altavista	Opponent	Score
5	Rustburg	3
7	Appomattox	8
2	Gretna	21
11	Appomattox	25
0	Gretna	11

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CHEERLEADERS

At the beginning of the football season, a group of cheerleaders was organized under the direction of Miss Benis Spencer. These leaders were in charge of cheering at various games and at pep rallies. The group was headed by J. P. Anthony, and consisted of the following students:

Eloise Webb	Betty Mathews
Alma Lee Irby	Amy Nell Chappell
Kathleen Smith	Eleanor Gregory
Jane Johnson	Mary Nella Smith

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BASEBALL

First Row: M. Vaughan, J. Smither, G.G.Crawford, Bobby Finch, O. Vaughan, C. Frazier, S. Dalton.

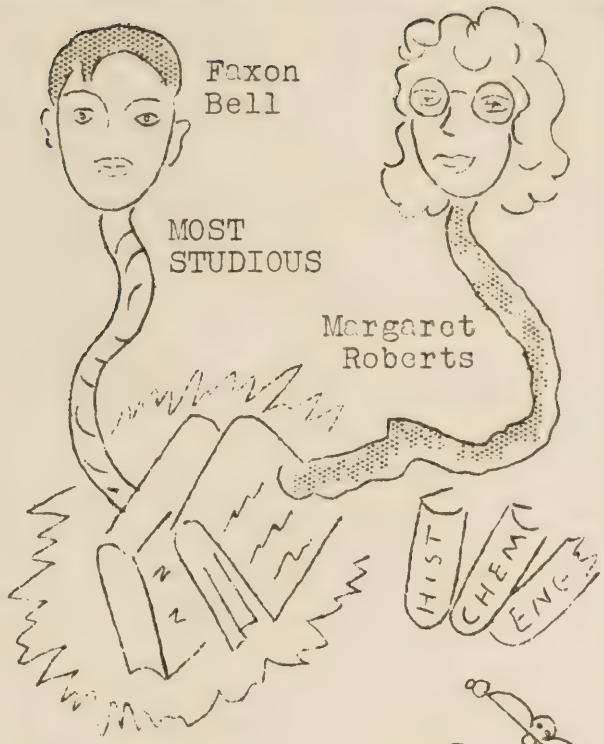
Second Row: Mr. Evans, S. Trent, J. Arthur,Glenn Roberts, Jack Anthony, Jack Mathews.

Standing: Bobby Walker, Doug Tinnin, J. Wilson , Wesley Arthur, B. Clay, Bobby Pennington.

FEATURES

Sammy Stowers
WITTIEST
Wendell English
Arline Murphy
SENIOR
WHO'S
WHO
MOST ATHLETIC
Jack Mathews
Frances Johnson

Edward Bragg



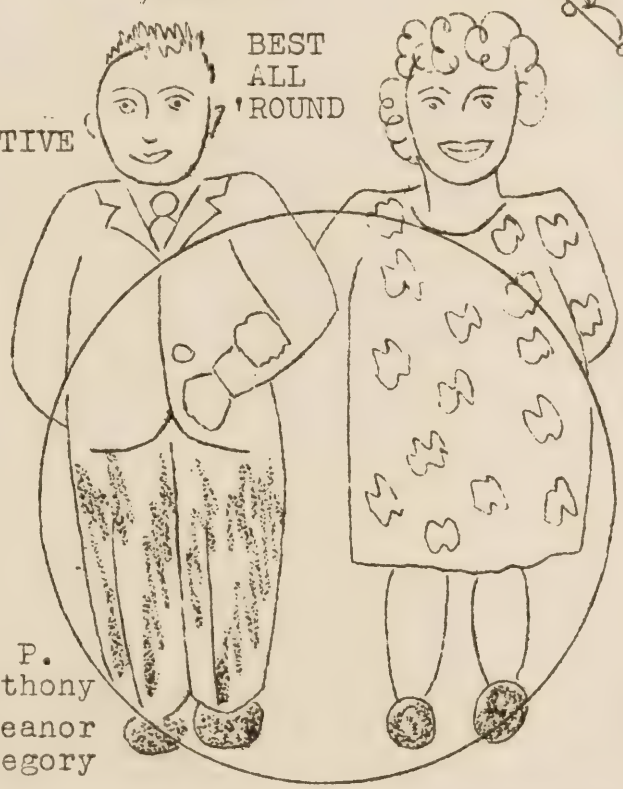
Faxon Bell

MOST STUDIOUS

Margaret Roberts

MOST ATTRACTIVE

Pansy Kelly



BEST ALL 'ROUND

J. P. Anthony

Eleanor Gregory

L. Mae Green

AUTOGRAPHS

Best Luck
Rachel Lewis

Here's hoping you have the best of luck and wishes you desire in the future.
Jane

Late & luck
Faxon Bell

Good Luck,
Thos. Wm Everry II,

Best wishes to your future success and happiness.
Elizabeth Davies

It's been nice knowing you. Although we were had many fallings out. Anthie Fae

Margarite, I think you are real sweet. Please stay that way. Nellie Farabaldi

I've enjoyed knowing you and being your classmate.
Arline

Success to you!
Eoline Garvin

Best of everything
Kathleen Smith

I have enjoyed our years in high school together. Despite the ups and downs we have had, that finally led to graduation. But I hope luck and may you always be happy.

Mildred

Wish I had better luck than in Roman year but I wish the best in everything to you in the future.

Betty Mathews

Luck to you in whatever you undertake.

Barbara Tuck

I have enjoyed having you as my classmate and may you succeed in everything you do.

Helen

Dear Margaret,

Having been for a dreamlike time before this, and thought we might look to behind from our dear high school, and taking the memories of your kind and such good friendship with us.

Your always

Marian

It has been nice having you as a class mate through high school. Best of luck and success in the future.

Pauline Watkins

Best of luck = success in business life.

Lucile

Best wishes for you next year.

Frances

To Margaret,
I'll always remember our good times at H.H.S. especially at lunch periods! Even if we did fuss a lot. I like you very much and have enjoyed having you for a classmate.
B.S.T. of luck to you always.
Glness (Dreamy)

Always there
at time — tuesday
at least of test
Betty Gabriel

Best of luck in everything you do.
Virginia Aumstutt

Margaret, stay as nice as you are now. Here's hoping you the best of luck always.
Love,
Eleanor

Its been swell knowing you Margaret, stay as nice and sweet as you are. Sincere wishes!!
a classmate, Thelma

Margaret it has been fun working with you in all our school days. I have had much success in the near future.
Nancy Cayne

[illegible]

Margaret
I wish you
the best of luck
and happiness in
your future years.
Hazel K.

Margaret, it has
been a pleasure
having [redacted]
you for a
classmate all these
years. Best of luck
always to one of the
smartest girls of
Room.
Dot Hill

Margaret,
It has been a
pleasure knowing you
all these four years.
Don't forget our wonderful
short hand classes.
I wish you all the
luck in the world.
A friend
Amy Hell

Dear Margaret,
Just a few words
to wish you luck
and happiness in
any thing you do.
Alex Duncan

Margaret,
It has been a
joy to know you.
Good luck always
Lillie Tuttle

As I am
saying,
I think you are very
ambitious and may your
future years be happy
Best wishes and good luck
Mansfield Snyder

Dear Margaret,

I have really enjoyed being in class with you all these 11 years. You are a real nice girl and a true friend. Continue to be as sweet and nice as you have in the past. Best of luck always.

Love
Margaret S.

Dear Margaret,

I hope you are very successful in life and you enjoy your next 4 years as much as we enjoyed the last.

J. P. A.

I've enjoyed being a classmate of yours.

Good luck
Betty Lee

Best of luck.
& success in
the future.
Mary Della

May you have great success in your future work. I wish you the "Best of luck" It's been nice knowing you Hyline Laundress

Margaret you are a sweet girl and may you have all the luck in the world in the future.
Kathleen Hall.

Margret, Best wishes, for your future happiness,
Dorothy Winskill

Best of luck in your future years and may they all be full of happiness.
Eloise Wahl
"Poppy"

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